

Natalia's hard work and determination. She is an excellent example of the importance of commitment and persistence. Natalia has represented Winnebago High School and her community exceptionally well throughout the state.

It is because of student leaders such as Natalia that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Natalia Moreno on her state championship, and I join the rest of the community in wishing her success in her future endeavors.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE MUNICH 11

#### HON. MONDAIRE JONES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 13, 2021*

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, in September 1972, during the Munich Olympic Games, the terrorist group Black September murdered 11 members of the Israeli Olympic Team. The victims became known as the Munich 11. Their names were David Berger, Ze'ev Friedman, Yoseff Gutfreund, Moshe Weinberg, Yoseff Romano, Mark Slavin, Eliezer Halfin, Yakov Springer, Andre Spitzer, Amitzur Shapira, and Kehat Shorr. They were athletes and coaches at the 1972 games. May their memory be a blessing.

The international community was deeply affected by the attack, and memorials have been placed around the world, from Rockland County, New York to Tel Aviv, Israel. The Jewish Community Center (JCC) Maccabi Games have included a memorial tribute to the Munich 11 at the opening ceremonies of every JCC Maccabi Games since 1995. When the JCC in Rockland County, located in my district, hosted the Maccabi Games in 2012, the Center decided to take up this cause.

JCC Rockland created an online petition calling on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to hold a minute of silence at the 2012 London Olympic Games, which was denied. But soon, the JCC began to find success. At the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games, a memorial service in honor of the Munich 11 was held inside the Olympic Village. Further, the IOC established that a memorial service in their memory will be held at every future Olympic Games.

Starting with the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games, Ankie Spitzer, the widow of fencing coach Andrei Spitzer, and Ilana Romano, the widow of weightlifter Yossef Romano, have gone to nearly every Olympic Summer Games. They have been leading the effort on behalf of the families to memorialize the Munich 11 at the opening ceremonies for the past 49 years.

After tireless advocacy from Ms. Spitzer, Ms. Romano, and JCC Rockland, the Munich 11 finally received a minute of silence during the opening ceremony of this year's Tokyo Olympic Games.

It is my hope that every future Olympic Games opening ceremony includes a moment of silence to commemorate the gravity of this tragic event for all Olympians and humankind. The Olympic Games serve to send a message of hope and peace through athletic competi-

tion, and reject and repudiate terrorism as antithetical to the Olympic spirit.

#### IN HONOR OF THE EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE'S COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE PROJECT

#### HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 13, 2021*

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the installation of a historical marker in the Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church yard on August 1, 2021, which will memorialize the life and death of three American citizens who were lynched in 1908. This month my constituent, Ms. Joyce Salter Johnson, will travel with friends and family from Wisconsin to Mississippi to honor her relative, Frank Johnson, as one of those three men who were violently murdered in Hickory, Mississippi.

This historical marker is part of the important work being done by the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in honoring and memorializing lives lost to racial violence in America through its campaign, the Community Remembrance Project. Since its founding in 1989 by American lawyer and bestselling author Bryan Stevenson, EJI has fought to end mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, challenge racial and economic injustice, and protect basic human rights for the most vulnerable. EJI has become a critical institution dedicated to addressing the legacy of slavery, lynching, and racial segregation through its robust projects, museums, and memorials. In April 2018, EJI opened America's first national memorial dedicated to victims of racial terror in Montgomery, Alabama, inspired by the late Dr. James Cameron's Black Holocaust Museum, founded in my home state of Wisconsin.

EJI's Community Remembrance Project partners with community coalitions to do extensive research of documented victims of racial violence. Its sister project, the Community Soil Collection Project, gathers soil at lynching sites for display in powerful exhibits honoring these victims. Narrative historical markers are then built in public locations where racial terror took place.

My constituent, Joyce Salter Johnson, is a historian and author whose third book provides a thorough history of the Freedmen Settlement of Good Hope, Mississippi, where she lived until the age of 10. That is how she knew of the terrible sequence of events that led to the October 10, 1908 lynching of her relative, Mr. Frank Johnson, and two others, Dee Dawkins and William Fielder, prior to EJI's documentation. Because of her knowledge and adept research ability, she was perfectly suited to lead the coalition members working on the Community Remembrance Project for these men.

I commend the work of the Equal Justice Initiative and all those who help further the Community Remembrance Project's mission of confronting the legacy of slavery, lynching, and segregation to pave the way toward a better, more just future. I extend my heartfelt best wishes, thanks, and solidarity to Ms. Johnson and her family and friends on their journey of remembrance and memorial.

IN HONOR OF MRS. LINDA NELSON

#### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 13, 2021*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the career of my friend and a trusted former advisor, Mrs. Linda Nelson, Chairman of The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce.

A native of New Jersey, Linda moved to the Houston, Texas area in 1980. She completed her undergraduate degree in Business at West Virginia Wesleyan College and went on to receive her Master's in Business Administration at Texas Women's University. In 1997, Linda moved to The Woodlands and began serving as a part-time volunteer coordinator at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center. Today, Linda serves as the Business Development and Regional Marketing Director for Memorial Hermann The Woodlands. She and her husband, Gordon, have been married for over 39 years and have three adult children living in the Houston and Austin areas.

Linda is not only a principled business leader, but she is an enthusiastic community leader as well. Her commitment to serving and leading in her community is evident through her involvement with Leadership Montgomery County (LMC), The Conroe/Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce, and the Economic Development Partnership. Nelson also spent time serving The Woodlands community as precinct chair. When she's not working for the committees she serves on or Memorial Hermann, Nelson can be found playing racquetball, golfing, fishing, or spending time with her family.

Linda has received many awards recognizing her for her dedicated community service, including: Hometown Hero Award, The Woodlands Area Chamber Citizen of the Year, LMC Distinguished Alumnus Award, IRONMAN Captain of the Year, The Woodlands Area Chamber Chairman's Award and the Montgomery County Women's Council on Organizations' Woman of Distinction. Linda is a role model and mentor to other women in her community. She continuously pulls up a seat to the table for the next generation of professional women, empowers them to give back to their communities and challenges them to grow in leadership in their workplaces.

After over two decades of selfless service to our community, I am pleased to join Linda's family and friends in thanking and congratulating her for her servant leadership through her time as Chairman of The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce.

#### CONGRATULATING THE STOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT FOR WINNING THE IHSA CLASS C MUSIC SWEEPSTAKES

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 13, 2021*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Stockton High School Choral and Instrumental Music Department for taking 1st place in the IHSA Class C Music Sweepstakes.

The IHSA Music Sweepstakes is an annual competition that judges solo and ensemble performances based on tone, technique, performance, creativity and other metrics. The exceptional performance of the students secured Stockton's first Class C State Championship, having already won seven Class D Championships over the last ten years. It gives me great pleasure to see these students thriving in school and with their peers despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is because of driven and dedicated individuals such as these students that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Stockton High School Choral and Instrumental Music Department on being named Class C State Champions. I commend their hard work and perseverance, and I am very proud to be their Representative.

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IN RECOGNITION OF BARBARA  
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**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 13, 2021*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish Barbara Proffitt a happy 85th birthday.

Barbara is a key figure in the Hardin County community, who is known for her kindness to all she encounters.

Barbara devotes much of her time serving her community. She is the North Hardin High School boys' basketball team's biggest supporter and "team mom." With her father, brother, and husband all having served in the military, Barbara is well connected to the military community. She volunteers to pack food boxes for soldiers who are deployed and bakes her famous pecan pie for each change of command at Fort Knox. Barbara is affectionately known on post as "The Pie Lady."

For 30 years, Barbara also served the community through her role as the community/guest relations coordinator at Hardin Memorial Hospital, which is now called Baptist Health Hardin. In this role, she connected the community to the hospital through meetings, dinners, tours, parades, and special functions.

Barbara is a proud mother to Rhonda Hunter and Blake Proffitt, grandmother to three grandchildren, and great-grandmother to a great-grandchild. Happy Birthday Barbara and thanks for all that you do for the Hardin County community.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR.  
JOHN LOVORN JR.

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 13, 2021*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Mr. John Lovorn Jr., who passed away on July 28, 2021.

Mr. Lovorn was born in Jackson, MS and raised in Fairfax, VA. He attended Southern Miss and began his career in Greenwood, MS at the Chamber of Commerce. He then went on to be Vice President of JESCO and later joined PHH Fantus as vice president and principal. In 1993 he started his own successful consulting firm, The Pace Group. He was known to be a gifted public speaker, story teller, and author.

Mr. Lovorn is survived by his wife of 50 years, their two children and three grandchildren. He was a longtime, active member of First United Methodist Church and an avid supporter of various charities in the Tupelo community.

Mr. Lovorn's positive attitude and generous heart will be dearly missed.